

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 3rd July 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

Over the 28 day period there have been no incidents to which the community need to be made aware of. There have only been 5 recorded crimes whereby I am unable to give you further specific details. I can confirm however that none of these are relevant or have a wider impact on the community. If we identify any crime trends or incidents in which the community need to be made aware of, we will update the Parish Council immediately.

PC Mark Purvis attended the meeting and gave the report as above. Cllr Bramley asked on behalf of a resident, the best way to contact the community policing team – PC Purvis confirmed that reports can be made via the online reporting <https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/contact-us/>, via telephone dialling 101 or if a crime is currently in progress, 999.

It was also noted that Seahouses is a very low crime area, even allowing for the 1000's of additional people during the holiday season. Cllr Donaldson asked if a speed watch could be carried out due to excessive speed of some cars entering the village. PC Purvis confirmed this would be arranged, a recent operation had caught over 100 cars speeding near to the golf course.

030/23 PRESENT

Cllr Alan Trotter (Chair)

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr David Shiel (Vice Chair)

Cllr Louise Dawson

Cllr David Donaldson

Cllr Jane Scott

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson

031/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

032/2023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

033/2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

034/2023 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 3rd July 2023 – 3 additional correspondence - all agreed

035/2023 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5th June 2023 – Proposed Cllr Donaldson, seconded Cllr Fordy - all agreed

036/2023 MATTERS ARISING

1. Request for contribution from Alan McFarlane towards upkeep of Defibrillators' – Cllr Hill proposed donating £200 towards the cost of upkeep, Cllr Shiel seconded – all agreed. Cllr Renner-Thompson also noted that the NCC Community chest may be able to make a donation.
2. Request for contribution towards start-up of creative writing workshop – The councillors discussed the policy on donations and it was noted that the PC cannot financially support

private individuals or businesses. Cllr Hillan proposed that no donation could be made – all agreed.

3. James Street Green space application – The Clerk informed the meeting that a formal letter had been received regarding the Green Space application and submissions had been asked for in relation to the application and the NP designating the area as a green space. The meeting agreed to submit to NCC the wish that the area remains a Green Space, as per the NP and the landowner undertakes not to develop this land and leave it as a play area, then the need to change the name to a Village Green would not be pursued – all agreed

037/2023 PLANNING

1. 23/02028/FUL Retrospective approval for demolition of garage and erection of single storey outbuilding **Land North West of Links Hotel, King Street, Seahouses, NE68 7XP** – no objection
2. 23/01901/FUL Proposed change of use from hotel to staff accommodation **Links Hotel, 8 King Street, Seahouses, NE68 7XP** no objection
3. 23/00918/FUL Demolition of conservatory on rear elevation and creation of single storey rear extension. Provision of two car parking spaces to front of property. **42 Longstone Close, Beadnell, Chathill NE67 5BS** – no comment required
4. 23/01609/FUL Installation of automatic parking barriers, ticket payment machines. Ground works including concrete island at entrance, electrical supply and meter kiosk. Alterations to and amendment of the car park boundary **Links Road Car Park, Bamburgh, NE69 7DF** – no comment required

Application withdrawn

1. None

Permission Granted:

1. Removal of conservatory and erection of a single storey side extension and 2 storey rear extension **52 Kippy Law, Seahouses, NE68 7YH**
2. Extension and conversion to provide 18No additional hotel rooms and improved pub/restaurant facilities **Bamburgh Castle Inn, Seafield Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SQ**
3. Erection of one no. Managers Dwelling (C3 use) **Land South West of Springhill Farm, Springhill Farm, Seahouses**
4. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning application 18/0480/FUL to alter the south elevation bedroom window from a pair of opening lights to 3No full height fixed lights **Land South of 6 The Wynding, The Wynding, Bamburgh**
5. Retention of Access Ramp to Hall **Seahouses Masonic Hall, 145 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TT**

Permission Refused:

1. Siting of timber bin store (retrospective) **Black Swan Inn, 2 Union Street, Seahouses**

038/2023 CEMETERY – Quiet works area & report of cemetery committee – Cllr Bramley noted that the proposed quiet area needs to be measured, and until the memorial tree size and location is confirmed, then the final design cannot be completed. A final letter is to be sent regarding the dangerous overhanging trees and the Clerk is to get quotes from tree surgeons to carry out the work if the owner of the trees fails to act. The cost of the work, if the PC has to organise it, will be re-charged to the tree owners. Cllr Fordy noted that Tree Locate at Belford make memorial trees and the Clerk is to obtain a quote. Cllr Hillan also noted that the College at Ashington may be interested in the project and contact is to be made.

039/2023 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £4000.00

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.75	4.49
NCC – Clerks salary June 23		718.19
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
Plants & Support for PC Planters		85.34
3 x Internal audit fees 2021/2022/2023		240.00
Total	3.25	1063.02

3. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £180.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance		900.00
Sub Total		900.00
TOTAL		900.00

- All payments agreed

040/2023 CORRESPONDENCE – Memorial request – A request had been made from the National Trust for a memorial bench which would replace one of the older PC benches without a memorial. The meeting agreed in principle to the request, but would wish to see the design and also noted the PC policy on only now using recycled materials. The meeting also required that the bench to be removed is to be confirmed prior to any changes being made.

A request had been received for a headstone for John Stephens – all agreed

A thank you letter had been received from Lizzie Moor of the SVG with the breakdown of costs following the donation for the Coronation Board. The meeting agreed that the remainder of £4.05 did not need to be returned.

041/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson reported to the meeting about the problems recently experienced with children starting fires at the Old First School Site. The fire brigade are to attend the school and talk to the pupils and Estates are to secure the building.

The housing survey had received a 14% of returns from houses which early indications shows a desperate need for affordable housing and particularly for those residents of Bamburgh, Beadnell and Seahouses.

Overgrown hedges have been reported to NCC, some belong to private individuals and those residents will receive a letter requesting they prune their hedges.

Cllr Renner-Thompson has been working with the Development Trust to try and get funding for the tennis courts but it is considered a very low area for child deprivation. Cllr Renner-Thompson is looking to help with his Members Scheme.

The taxi advertising at the South entrance to the village has been reported and the playpark at Kingsfield should be maintained by the developer and NCC are addressing this matter.

Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that he had agreed to fund the additional signage costs for the whale bones – the Parish Council are very grateful for this further contribution.

The memorial headstone training has still to be organised.

042/2023 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Scott asked if a crossing could be installed on Main St, Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that with a roundabout at both ends of the street, the potential for traffic problems would be greatly increased. The Chair noted that a meeting was being arranged with Robin McCartney, Highways Infrastructure Manager at NCC and this matter would be raised.

Cllr Donaldson asked if there had been any progress on replacing the road surface on Broad Rd and the parking issues in this area – again this is to be raised with Robin McCartney. Cllr Donaldson also raised the matter of campervans again and Cllr Renner-Thompson is taking the matter to the NCC meeting.

Cllr Shiel asked if any decisions had been made regarding Farne House as the additions to the structure were concerning. Cllr Renner-Thompson is to raise the matter with NCC.

Cllr Fordy asked about the yellow lines on Main St, it was noted there were notices on lamp-posts but again, this would be discussed with Robin McCartney.

Cllr Hillan noted the refurbished noticeboard at the cemetery looked very nice and the Clerk confirmed that the cemetery regulations were to be put in this week.

043/2023 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 7th August at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close

Signed.....

Chairman – Alan Trotter